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REMARKS

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1. On 8 January 1954, the barracks installation east of Leipziger Strasse, Altenburg, was occupied by 500 to 600 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. On 15 December, 60 troops received instruction on 2 x 152-mm gun howitzers in the area just north of the installation. A heavy prime mover was seen nearby. On 21 December, 1 x 85-mm AT gun, 5 trucks, 1 half-track vehicle and 30 troops were observed. On 6 January, 16 prime movers in the motor vehicle bays in the barracks area. On 8 January, 50 troops engaged in drill, 50 troops in physical training in the gymnasium and about 50 troops in entrenching work.

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2. On 8 January, the barracks installation west of Leipziger Strasse was occupied by 600 to 700 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. On 6 January, 45 troops practiced marching in the barracks area and, on 8 January,

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3. On 6 January, 25 troops practiced firing with 2 x 76-mm AT guns in the training area and, on 8 January, 25 troops received firing practice on 1 x 76-mm AT gun and 1 x 45-mm AT gun.

4. On 21 December, 2 column, each of 3 heavy prime movers, 3 x 152-mm guns and about 12 troops, were seen proceeding toward the installations, coming from the direction of Windisch.

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5. On 8 January, the officer billets on Leipziger Strasse, Altenburg, were occupied about 80 percent by officers and Soviet dependents.

Comment.

the two artillery brigades of the Eighth Gds Army are stationed in Altenburg as previously. Information on 85-mm AT guns has continually been received.

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